

“PERTH AND PEEL@3.5 MILLION”

219. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the March 2018 document of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Western Australian Planning Commission entitled “Perth and Peel@3.5 million”.

- (1) What are the fundamental assumptions behind the forecast for population growth of 1.5 million people within the Perth and Peel regions by 2050?
- (2) Is “Perth and Peel@3.5 million” the clear expression of a population target for the government; and, if not, what is it?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Population growth for the Perth and Peel regions, as set out in “Perth and Peel@3.5million”, is based on the “Western Australia Tomorrow” long-term population projections and the key principles from the 2010 publication of “Directions 2031 and beyond: metropolitan planning beyond the horizon”. It assumes that future population growth will reflect historical trends.
- (2) No. “Perth and Peel@3.5 million” is a strategic planning document, which was prepared in collaboration with state agencies and local governments. It identifies land available for urban, commercial and industrial development to guide the future growth of Perth and Peel as a city that can accommodate a population of 3.5 million by 2050.